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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003 for two (2) month(s) from July 21, 2003 to September 21, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP0546/TMD in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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